

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is working in Ukraine, representing America's interests by coordinating many democracy-building projects. In fact, I have made various recommendations to USAID for specific programs designed to promote democracy and citizenship, and I'm confident this appropriation will foster timely development of these important projects.

This election will be a thorough test of USAID's effectiveness in Ukraine. If the elections are to be genuine, USAID must coordinate not only its assets for poll watching, but must preempt election fraud by guiding Ukrainian voting officials in providing ballot security, voter education, and legal compliance.

Prior to and throughout my years in Congress, I have had the privilege of meeting many Ukrainians and Ukrainian leaders. These people, whose history of democracy is short, understand its significance better than many who have enjoyed a lifetime in a free society.

It has been ten years since Ukraine discarded the yoke of Society-style communism and oppression and embarked on the road to freedom. The progress of reforms has been slow, to be sure, but this cannot deter American assistance. The case is now stronger than ever for assertive American assistance and leadership in Ukraine.

Despite slow reforms, Ukraine has consistently demonstrated its commitment to building alliances with the western world. Ukraine has supported the U.S. in various peacekeeping missions. Ukraine has been completely cooperative in non-proliferation issues and in nuclear disarmament. Ukraine supported America in the war on terrorism, opening air space and providing ground transportation for coalition supplies. Most recently, Ukraine has supported President Bush in withdrawing from the ABM Treaty, calling it a morally justified decision, and the treaty obsolete.

The Ukrainian people are resolute in their desire to live in a democracy and enjoy national self-determination. The United States stands to benefit greatly from a strong alliance with Ukraine, economically, strategically, and culturally. American support is paramount in the achievement of these important goals and I urge the House to look favorably on this particular portion of the Committee report.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support this conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 357, nays 66, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 505]

YEAS—357

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| Abercrombie | Andrews | Baldacci |
| Ackerman | Armey | Baldwin |
| Aderholt | Baca | Ballenger |
| Allen | Baird | Barrett |

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| Barton | Frank | Mascara |
| Bass | Frelinghuysen | Matheson |
| Becerra | Frost | Matsui |
| Bentsen | Gallegly | McCarthy (MO) |
| Bereuter | Ganske | McCarthy (NY) |
| Berkley | Gekas | McCollum |
| Berman | Gephardt | McCrery |
| Biggert | Gibbons | McDermott |
| Billakis | Gilchrest | McGovern |
| Bishop | Gillmor | McHugh |
| Blagojevich | Gilman | McIntyre |
| Blumenauer | Gonzalez | McKeon |
| Boehlert | Gordon | McKinney |
| Boehner | Goss | McNulty |
| Bonilla | Graham | Meehan |
| Bonior | Granger | Meeks (NY) |
| Bono | Graves | Menendez |
| Boozman | Green (TX) | Millender |
| Borski | Green (WI) | McDonald |
| Boswell | Greenwood | Miller, Dan |
| Boucher | Grucci | Miller, Gary |
| Boyd | Gutierrez | Miller, George |
| Brady (PA) | Harman | Mink |
| Brady (TX) | Hart | Mollohan |
| Brown (FL) | Hastings (WA) | Moore |
| Brown (OH) | Hill | Moran (KS) |
| Brown (SC) | Hilliard | Moran (VA) |
| Bryant | Hinchey | Morella |
| Burr | Hinojosa | Murtha |
| Burton | Hobson | Nadler |
| Buyer | Hoeffel | Napolitano |
| Callahan | Hoekstra | Neal |
| Calvert | Holden | Nethercutt |
| Camp | Holt | Ney |
| Cannon | Honda | Northup |
| Cantor | Hooey | Nussle |
| Capito | Horn | Oberstar |
| Capps | Houghton | Obey |
| Capuano | Hoyer | Oliver |
| Cardin | Hulshof | Ortiz |
| Carson (IN) | Hunter | Osborne |
| Carson (OK) | Hyde | Ose |
| Castle | Inslee | Oxley |
| Chambliss | Isakson | Pallone |
| Clay | Israel | Pascarella |
| Clayton | Issa | Pastor |
| Clyburn | Istook | Payne |
| Coble | Jackson (IL) | Pelosi |
| Collins | Jackson-Lee | Peterson (MN) |
| Condit | (TX) | Peterson (PA) |
| Conyers | Jefferson | Phelps |
| Cooksey | Jenkins | Pickering |
| Costello | John | Pomeroy |
| Cox | Johnson (CT) | Portman |
| Coyne | Johnson (IL) | Price (NC) |
| Cramer | Johnson, E. B. | Pryce (OH) |
| Crenshaw | Jones (OH) | Putnam |
| Crowley | Kanjorski | Quinn |
| Culberson | Kaptur | Radanovich |
| Cummings | Keller | Rahall |
| Davis (CA) | Kelly | Ramstad |
| Davis (FL) | Kennedy (RI) | Rangel |
| Davis (IL) | Kildee | Regula |
| Davis, Tom | Kilpatrick | Rehberg |
| DeFazio | Kind (WI) | Reyes |
| DeGette | King (NY) | Reynolds |
| DeLauro | Kingston | Riley |
| DeLay | Kirk | Rivers |
| Deutsch | Klecza | Rodriguez |
| Diaz-Balart | Knollenberg | Rogers (KY) |
| Dicks | Kolbe | Rogers (MI) |
| Dingell | Kucinich | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Doggett | LaFalce | Ross |
| Dooley | LaHood | Rothman |
| Doyle | Lampson | Roukema |
| Dreier | Langevin | Roybal-Allard |
| Dunn | Lantos | Rush |
| Edwards | Larsen (WA) | Ryan (WI) |
| Ehlers | Larson (CT) | Sabo |
| Ehrlich | Latham | Sanchez |
| Emerson | LaTourette | Sanders |
| Engel | Leach | Sandlin |
| English | Lee | Sawyer |
| Eshoo | Levin | Saxton |
| Etheridge | Lewis (CA) | Schaffer |
| Evans | Lewis (GA) | Schakowsky |
| Farr | Linder | Schiff |
| Fattah | Lipinski | Schrock |
| Ferguson | LoBiondo | Scott |
| Filner | Lofgren | Serrano |
| Fletcher | Lowe | Sessions |
| Foley | Lucas (KY) | Shadegg |
| Forbes | Lynch | Shaw |
| Ford | Maloney (CT) | Shays |
| Fossella | Maloney (NY) | Sherman |
| | Markey | Sherwood |

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| Shimkus | Terry | Walsh |
| Shows | Thomas | Waters |
| Simmons | Thompson (CA) | Watkins (OK) |
| Simpson | Thompson (MS) | Watson (CA) |
| Skeen | Thornberry | Watt (NC) |
| Skelton | Thune | Watts (OK) |
| Slaughter | Thurman | Waxman |
| Smith (TX) | Tiahrt | Weiner |
| Smith (WA) | Tiberi | Weldon (PA) |
| Snyder | Tierney | Weller |
| Solis | Towns | Whitfield |
| Souder | Trafficant | Wicker |
| Spratt | Turner | Wilson (NM) |
| Stenholm | Udall (CO) | Wilson (SC) |
| Strickland | Udall (NM) | Wolf |
| Stupak | Upton | Woolsey |
| Sununu | Velázquez | Wu |
| Sweeney | Visclosky | Wynn |
| Tauscher | Vitter | Young (FL) |
| Tauzin | Walden | |

NAYS—66

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| Akin | Hansen | Pence |
| Bachus | Hayes | Petri |
| Barcia | Hayworth | Pitts |
| Barr | Hefley | Platts |
| Bartlett | Herger | Pombo |
| Berry | Hilleary | Roemer |
| Blunt | Hostettler | Rohrabacher |
| Chabot | Johnson, Sam | Royce |
| Combust | Jones (NC) | Ryun (KS) |
| Crane | Kennedy (MN) | Sensenbrenner |
| Cunningham | Kerns | Shuster |
| Davis, Jo Ann | Largent | Smith (MI) |
| Deal | Lewis (KY) | Smith (NJ) |
| DeMint | Lucas (OK) | Stearns |
| Doolittle | Manzullo | Stump |
| Duncan | McInnis | Tancredo |
| Everett | Mica | Tanner |
| Flake | Miller, Jeff | Taylor (MS) |
| Goode | Myrick | Taylor (NC) |
| Goodlatte | Norwood | Toomey |
| Gutknecht | Otter | Wamp |
| Hall (TX) | Paul | Weldon (FL) |

NOT VOTING—11

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| Baker | Hastings (FL) | Stark |
| Clement | Luther | Wexler |
| Cubin | Meek (FL) | Young (AK) |
| Hall (OH) | Owens | |

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Messrs. JONES of North Carolina, HANSEN, LEWIS of Kentucky, HILLEARY, BACHUS, LUCAS of Oklahoma, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, HAYWORTH, EVERETT, SHUSTER, and LARGENT changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, on December 4 and December 5, I was testifying in Federal bankruptcy court on behalf of the steelworkers and retirees of the LTV Steel Company, and was unable to cast votes here. If present, I would have voted “yes” on all of the following: Rollcall No. 466, H.R. 3323; rollcall No. 467, H.R. 3391; rollcall No. 468, S. 494; rollcall No. 469, H. Con. Res. 242; rollcall No. 470, H.R. 3348; rollcall